



## REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A TRAPPING LICENSE



If you are applying for your first trapping license, you will be required to take and pass a supervised written trapping examination. The study materials needed to successfully take the exam are located online at [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/docs/CADFGTrappingGuideJan2009.pdf](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/docs/CADFGTrappingGuideJan2009.pdf). The exam is designed to test your knowledge of the California laws and regulations pertaining to trapping and natural history of California furbearing and nongame mammal species authorized to trap. When you are ready to take the exam, contact the Department of Fish and Game office listed below for an appointment. **YOU MUST TAKE A COMPLETED TRAPPING LICENSE APPLICATION WITH YOU TO THE EXAMINATION.**

Upon passing the examination, mail the completed trapping license application, a legible copy of your identification and the appropriate license fee to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, California 95834. **THE LICENSE AND REVENUE BRANCH ONLY ISSUES LICENSES/PERMITS BY MAIL.**

A nonresident trapping license may only be issued if the state in which the nonresident resides provides for issuance of a nonresident trapping license to California residents. Also, a nonresident issued a California trapping license may take only those species, and may take or possess only that quantity of a species which a resident of California may take or possess under a nonresident trapping license or permit in the state of residence of that nonresident. Nonresidents must also provide a copy of their current state of residence trapping license.

The Department will assign you a permanent trap number. This number will be printed on your trapping license. Before using any traps, the permanent trap number must be clearly stamped on the trap, on a metal tag attached to the chain of the trap, or to any part of the trap.

Contact the License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5852 or [spu@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:spu@dfg.ca.gov) if you need additional information about trapping.

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### INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

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All individual applicants must provide valid identification to obtain a license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement. Acceptable forms of identification include a valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the applicant's state of residence; US Birth Certificate; US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad; Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory; INS American Indian Card; US Passport; US Military Identification Cards (issued to active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel); or Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship.

Any applicant less than 18 years of age applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via ALDS shall provide valid acceptable forms of identification, which include any form of identification described above or a parent or legal guardian's identification as described above.

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### DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME OFFICES

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